

Assessing Major Skills in Kindergarten

Skills	Assessment Opportunities
Letter recognition	(Letter recognition and letter names are taught in Happily Ever After, [®] the readiness level. They are reinforced in the first lesson of every unit.) <i>Building Blocks of Reading</i> activities for letter recognition skills Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins for letter recognition skills Formal tests (letter-recognition sections)
Phonemic awareness	<i>Building Blocks of Reading</i> activities for phonemic awareness skills Daily Routines for Phonemic Awareness Oral activities in the first lesson of every unit, just before a new letter-sound is introduced Student Book pages for phonemic awareness skills Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for phonemic awareness skills Formal tests (phonemic awareness sections)
Phonics (understanding letter-sound correspondences and blending letter-sounds to decode words)	Daily Routines for Blending Practice with the <i>Big Book of Blending</i> Student Book pages for phonics skills Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for phonics and decoding skills Formal tests (phonics and decoding sections)
Spelling (encoding letters for sounds, encoding entire words)	Daily Routines for Dictation Student Book pages for encoding skills Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for encoding skills Individual writing for Quick Writing activities and other writing assignments End-of-Semester Tests (spelling sections)
Memory Words (sight words)	Student Book pages for Memory Words Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for Memory Words Formal tests (Memory Words sections)
Oral reading fluency	Reading aloud from the Student Book stories and the Superkids Library Books Fluency skill practice in the story lessons
Comprehension	Discussion of the <i>Super Smart</i> texts, other read-alouds, Student Book stories, and Superkids Library Books Retelling from mini-books in <i>Super Smart</i> lessons Student Book pages for comprehension in story follow-up lessons in <i>Superkids' Club</i> Blackline masters from Superkids Library lessons Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for comprehension skills Formal tests (comprehension sections)
Vocabulary	Discussion of vocabulary in <i>Super Smart</i> texts, other read-alouds, Student Book stories, and Superkids Library Books Oral language used during Lasting Lessons discussions and other classroom discussions Responses to vocabulary instruction in the story follow-up lessons in <i>Superkids' Club</i> Written vocabulary used in Quick Writing activities and other writing assignments Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for vocabulary, listening & speaking, and writing skills
Grammar, usage, and mechanics	Grammar used during classroom discussions and dictated writing activities Student Book pages for grammar skills and writing activities Quick Writing activities and other writing assignments Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for grammar skills and writing activities
Expressive writing	Quick Writing activities and other writing assignments (including some Student Book pages) Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for writing activities
Handwriting	Daily Routines for Handwriting Student Book pages for handwriting skills Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins (including blackline masters) for handwriting skills End-of-Semester Tests (handwriting sections)
Listening and speaking	Discussion of <i>Super Smart</i> texts, other read-alouds, Student Book stories, Superkids Library Books, and Superkids songs Lasting Lesson discussions and other classroom discussions Planning and sharing work from Quick Writing activities and other writing assignments Ten-Minute Tuck-Ins for listening and speaking skills Role-playing for Project Corners

